

TOWN OF MONSON
CERTIFICATIONS-SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 14, 2018

ARTICLE 1:

To raise, borrow and/or appropriate \$332,000 to pay costs of designing and constructing a Spray Park in Veteran's Field, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c.44B (the Community Preservation Act), c. 44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any funds appropriated by this vote shall be expended at the direction of the Community Preservation Committee. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount

A motion was made and seconded to pass over the article. The Moderator declared a hand count vote would be taken for the amendment to pass over.

YES: 50

NO: 223

The motion to take no action failed.

The Moderator declared that a hand count voted would be needed for the original wording of Article 1:

YES: 186

NO: 92

The Article passed, however a motion was made and seconded for a recount vote.

After discussions continued for Article 1, the Moderator declared a secret ballot would be needed for the recount.

YES: 189

NO: 103

Article 1 failed due to the fact it did not meet the 2/3 requirement.

ARTICLE 2:

The Town voted unanimously to pass over the article as written below:

To raise and appropriate or appropriate and transfer a sum of money from the Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account to build a Spray Park in Veteran's Field. Said funds will be used to build the park under the Community Preservation Program pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee.

ARTICLE 3:

The Town voted unanimously to approve the sum of up to \$5,000 to restore the Monson WWI Minenwerfer Cannon located in the front of Memorial Hall. The Minenwerfer was given to the Town as a memorial to the many Monson veterans who served during that war. During the 100th Anniversary to the end of World War I restoring the Minenwerfer for a November memorial celebration of those who gave their lives in World War I would be a great tribute. The money shall be transferred from the FY '18 Undesignated Account under the Community Preservation Program for the preservation of historic and scenic resources pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee.

ARTICLE 4:

The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$19,340.00 to preserve the Original Town Vital Records. These original documents are at risk of being lost. They will be repaired, restored, de-acidified, re-sewn and re-bound for permanent protection. The money shall be transferred from the FY '18 Undesignated Account under the Community Preservation Program for the preservation of historic and scenic resources pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee.

ARTICLE 16:

The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the following land parcels and or rights in land parcels for the purpose of obtaining a secure and public right of way. This will allow for the construction and roadway safety improvements on the Silver Street Bridge over 12 Mile Brook Reconstruction Project.

Total # Parcel	Area (Square Feet)
Permanent Easements 4	623 SF +/-
Flood Plain Easement 1	4,060 SF +/-
Temporary Easement 1	4,060 SF +/-

Further that the Selectmen may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. This includes donations, purchase or eminent domain. The subject parcels are currently identified on plans drafted by VHB, Inc. dated April 20, 2018 Titled "Alteration Plan in Monson Massachusetts" dated April 20, 2018.

ARTICLE 17:

The Town voted to amend the Bylaws of the Town of Monson Article 3, by adding the following language at the end of Section 5, and further to authorize non-substantive changes to the lettering and number of the bylaws of the Town of Monson to be consistent therewith, as follows:

“Whenever a two-thirds vote is required on any matter and whether such quantum of vote is required by state statute, town bylaw, or otherwise, the Moderator may, without an actual count, declare that such matter has been adopted by a vote of 2/3 of the number of persons present and voting, and such declaration shall stand as final unless such declaration is immediately challenged by seven (7) or more voters rising in their place to so indicate. If such challenge is made a count of the vote to verify, or to overturn, the declaration of the Moderator shall be conducted, forthwith.”

I hereby certify that the Special Town Meeting was duly called according to the bylaws and the Warrant was properly posted. The meeting convened at 7:13 p.m. and after completion of the articles, the meeting was dissolved at 8:52 p.m.

A True Copy ATTEST:

Mary F. Watson
Monson Town Clerk